

said Goods Chattels and Credits, with thereunto Appurtenances, and the
Law shall Charge, Then this Obligation to be void, and of
none Effect, or Else to Remain in full force and Virtue

Martha J. Gilmanwater, J.
Benjamin Beecher (Jr.)
Jr. Merritt. J.

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A Court held for Amherst County the Sixth Day of
May 1780, This Bond was Acknowledged, and ordered to be
Recorded

Test. Edm'd. Wilson Clk

✓ In the Name of God Amen the Seventh Day of
September 1779, ^{in the year of our Lord} I John Davis of Amherst County, Planter, being
somewhat sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind & memory,
Thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my
Body, and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to Die
Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to
say principally, and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul
into the hands of God that gave it; and for my Body I
Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a decent manner
at the Discretion of my friends nothing Doubting but at the
Generall Resurrection, I shall Receive the same again by the
mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate
wherewith it hath pleased god to Bless me in this Life; I give
Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner & form
Impremis, It is my Will and Do order that in the first place
all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid & Satisfied
Item I give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth my Dearly beloved Wife
the Plantation Consisting of One hundred Acres with all the
Improvements thereunto with all my Household Goods
and Moveables During her Life, Except one Bay Horse Colt
I give my Beloved Daughter Hannah, Item, I give my Beloved
Sons Phillip and William Three hundred and Seventy four Acres
of Land to be Equally Divided between them Two, Phillip is to
have the plantation where William Mervay now Lives on.
William is to have the plantation where Benjamin Sandrum
formerly lived on to them their heirs and Assigns forever

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One hundred Acres of Land lying on the South Side of
Gilmer's Mountain I give to be Added unto William's Part
above mentioned I give my Beloved Son Benjamin &
Jesse three hundred Acres of Land lying on the Creek to
be Equally Divided between them two, to them their heirs &
Designs forever I likewise constitute make and Ordain
my Brother David Davis my only and Sole Executor of this
my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly Disal-
low Revoke and Disannul all and every other former
Testaments, Wills, Legacies and Executors by me in any
way before this time Named, Will & Bequeathed.
Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my
Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and year above
written,

Signed Sealed, Published, pronounced & Declared by the
said John Davis as his Last Will & Testament, In
presence of us the Subscribers Vizt: his
John L. Davis (s, s)
mark
Danl. McDonald
Gilbert Hay
James Murray

At a Court held for Amherst County the Sixth Day of
March 1780, This Last Will and Testament of John Davis
Deceased was presented in Court by David Davis the Ex-
ecutor Named who made Oath thereto according to Law,
and proved by the Oath of Daniel McDonald and Gilbert
Hay Witnesses thereto, and the said Executor with John
Faulstich and John Thompson his Securitys entered into and
acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of five Thousand
Pounds, and ordered to be Recorded,

Ex^o

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